



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Kalamazoo County Appoints New County Administrator/Controller Kevin A. Catlin

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners appointed Kevin A. Catlin as the new Kalamazoo County Administrator/Controller during its Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, April 5. Catlin was selected as the candidate of choice during the March 15 Board of Commissioners meeting. He underwent background screenings before he was confirmed last night and is set to begin work on Monday, May 2, 2022.

"We are pleased to welcome Administrator Catlin onboard and eager to work with him to ensure that the county's business continues," stated County Board Chair Quinn. "A top priority for the Board was to appoint someone who will put the needs of Kalamazoo residents above all else, and we worked diligently for months to see that through."

Catlin has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice, a Master of Public Administration Degree, and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Public Administration Degree all from the University of Illinois Springfield and has previously served as Boone County Administrator in Illinois, City Manager of Springfield, Michigan, Assistant City Manager of Brookings, South Dakota, and Management Analyst/ICMA Management Fellow with the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

A few of the initial short-term goals Administrator Catlin has outlined are:

- An aligned vision with that of the County Board of Commissioners to effectuate public value in the pursuit of extraordinary governance.
- Collaboration with each County Commissioner to understand their priorities to embrace unity in decision-making.
- Meet with the new County DEI Director to begin to understand their priorities and how the Administrator's Office can assist in the County's effort to expand its intercultural competence and diversify its workforce.
- Prioritize premium pay and employee engagement to improve morale throughout the county organization.

A complete list of Administrator Catlin's short-term goals within the first 100 days of employment and a more in-depth biography can be found here:

https://www.kalcounty.com/userfiles/main/news/KC%20Infographic%20Updated_1.pdf

Interim County Administrator James Rutherford and Acting Health Officer Deb Lenz will return to their roles as Health Officer and Deputy Health Officer on May 2. Lyndi Warner and Amanda Morse will remain as Interim Deputy County Administrators for External and Internal Services respectively until further notice.